



# The PROFILE

Texas Archeological Society-[www.txarch.org](http://www.txarch.org)

SEPTEMBER 2005

**SEPTEMBER MEETING:** Harry Shafer, "Masking the Dead: The Function of Mimbres Mortuary Pottery." Friday, September 9, 7:30 p.m. University of St. Thomas.

Anyone wishing to present should contact [Muriel Walker](mailto:Muriel.Walker@stthomas.edu) at 281-392-7504.

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#### LABORATORY SCHEDULE:

Mondays, September 12, and 26, 7:00p.m., Rice University Archeology Lab, Sewall Hall, Room 103.

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**HAS LIBRARY:** Open on Friday, September 9, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.

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#### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

No column this month.

Linda Swift, [Linda.swift@centerpointenergy.com](mailto:Linda.swift@centerpointenergy.com)

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#### Profile Announcements:

- > Library Book Donations: Thanks to Tiffany Harris and the Friends of Archaeology, the HAS library collection has increased by five books!
- > The San Felipe de Austin Archeology Project/Father of Texas Birthday Celebration is scheduled for the weekend of November 4-5, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the San Felipe de Austin Archeology Project site. This is located on FM 1458, three miles north of I-10 between Katy and Sealy. Volunteers needed for the HAS and TAS booths. Contact Beth Aucoin at [ekpj.aucoin@prodigy.net](mailto:ekpj.aucoin@prodigy.net), or 281-480-6151.
- > New email address for TAS:  
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Inquiries: [tasinquiries@txarch.org](mailto:tasinquiries@txarch.org)  
Web address is unchanged.
- > TAS Region 5 has an electronic newsletter with local and regional news. If you do not already receive this newsletter and would like to be on the list, contact Beth Aucoin.

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#### Update on HAS Publicity

HAS is keeping a higher profile these days in order to increase attendance at meetings and membership. Monthly meeting notices are sent to our contacts at: the Texas Historical Commission, Rice University, University of Houston, San Jacinto College, and HISD. Monthly notices are also posted under Community News on the websites of Radio Stations KPRC ([www.950kprc.com](http://www.950kprc.com)) and KTRH ([www.ktrh.com](http://www.ktrh.com)). A general meeting notice is permanently listed on the Houston Chronicle website ([www.chron.com](http://www.chron.com)); go to Community News & Resources and then Clubs and Associations. We are now affiliated with a new Houston environmental organization called Houston Wilderness and HAS is listed on their website ([www.houstonwilderness.org](http://www.houstonwilderness.org)); go to About Our Organization and then About Our Network. If anyone has any suggestions as to other persons or organizations that we should contact please contact Fred Kelly.

#### Dear Friends:

I have had the privilege of being Editor of *The Profile* for three years and have truly enjoyed every minute of it. I have been given a wonderful job opportunity in a place that I dearly love (and they have an archeological society there as well!) I leave Houston with such mixed emotions. Please keep me in your thoughts as I begin a new adventure, and if you are ever in Kerrville, please look me up!

Mary Barbara Gold, Editor

## HOUSTON ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES, August 12, 2005

Linda Swift, HAS President called the July meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 31 people in attendance.

### Announcements:

- HAS members Beth Aucoin, Pat Aucoin, Johny Pollan, Sandra Pollan, and Sandra Rogers were presented certificates of appreciation by the Texas Historical Commission for "Exemplary Service to the Texas Archeological Stewardship Network, 2004-2005."
- Work at the Powell Site this Sunday. Meet at the Hill Top Café at 9:00 a.m.
- Lab Monday night and August 29.
- Lab work on the San Felipe site artifacts is in progress at the Tyree House in Richmond. Volunteers needed.
- TAS annual meeting in Austin, October 28- 30.
- Father of Texas Celebration at San Felipe de Austin, November 4 – 5.
- The HAS Library opens at 6:30 p.m. on meeting nights.
- The Brazoria County Museum has obtained the Streeter Collection.

Muriel Walker introduced guest speaker, Margaret Howard of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Her presentation was on, "Fort Lipantitlan: Teran's Sentinel on the Nueces.

Following the program, there was a refreshment break. The business meeting began at 8:40, with 27 people in attendance.

The May meeting minutes were approved with this correction: *the HAS Board will meet August 24<sup>th</sup>.*

Bob Shelby, Mary LeBlanc, and Linda Swift were thanked for providing refreshments.

Karen Acker reported the HAS membership at 115.

Richard Carter stated that the HAS website receives about one visit a day.

Librarian Diane Baird will began contacting people with overdue HAS books.

Sheldon Kindall talked about future work at prehistoric sites around some small lakes near Smith Point.

HAS Board members have been reviewing the HAS Constitution and Standing Rules. HAS members will be provided with recommended changes to these two documents in the September *Profile*. Secretary Tom Nuckols read the list of proposed changes. The changes will be voted on during the September business meeting.

The HAS Officer Candidates were announced by the HAS Nominating Committee, comprised of Beth Aucoin, Wanda Carter, and Bob Shelby. The candidates are:

President	Linda Swift
Vice-President	Michael Bailey
Secretary	Tom Nuckols
Treasurer	Karen Acker
Director-at-Large	Diane Baird

The election of Officers will be held at the September business meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by Tom Nuckols, [annesullivan@andreswkurth.com](mailto:annesullivan@andreswkurth.com)

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**The Yates Museum:** Professor David Bruner, U of H, holds field school and lab sessions every Saturday (8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) at 1314 Andrews in Freedman's Town (founded by freed slaves in 1868. Confirm at [davearch@houston.rr.com](mailto:davearch@houston.rr.com) or call Dr. Carol McDavid 713-523-2640.

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**TAS Annual Meeting:** The Texas Archeological Society Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 28-30 in Austin at the Airport Hilton Hotel located adjacent to the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. Guest speaker at the free public lecture at 7 p.m. on Friday evening is John Erickson, author of *Discovery at Flint Springs* and the *Hank the Cowdog* book series; Erickson's presentation is titled, "Two Guys from Austin Are Digging Up My West Pasture: A Rancher's View of Archeology." Saturday's Banquet speaker is Duncan Metcalfe, Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Utah and an affiliate of the University of Utah Archeological Center. Metcalfe will speak about finds in the Range Creek Canyon, an important site for Southwest archeology, located in east central Utah. Flyers available the HAS meeting.

**The following are the proposed changes to the HAS Constitution and the Standing Rules:**

1. Correct 9 misspellings/typographical errors.
  2. **Article III, Section 2:** Change “The action of the Board may be appealed to the membership of the Society at a special meeting.” to “The action of the Board may be appealed to the membership of the Society at a regular or special meeting.”
  3. **Article III, Section 5:** Break into two sentences for readability.
  4. **Article IV, Section 1:** Add “Officers must be members in good standing”
  5. **Article IV, Section 2:** Remove “In addition, the following officers shall perform certain specific duties.” This text is redundant.
  6. **Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph b.:** Place second sentence first, as it describes the primary responsibility of the Vice-President.
  7. **Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph d.:** Change “make all payments authorized by the President” to “make all authorized payments”.
  8. **Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph d.:** Add “Payment for non-budget items can be authorized by the Board, or majority vote of the members at any regular meeting.
  9. Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph d.: Add “The fiscal year shall begin on January 1 and end December 31.
  10. Article IV, Section 4: Remove “orally”
  11. Article V, Section 3: Change “A meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or any two members of the Board” to “The President or any two members of the Board may call a meeting of the Board of Directors” for readability.
  12. Article VI, Section 4: Change “Twenty members” to “Ten members”. The decline in attendance at regular meetings forces this change.
  13. Article VII, Section 4: Change “whenever the President who appointed them leaves office” to “at the end of the annual meeting”. This allows a reelected president to replace committee members without requiring the existing committee members to resign. It also allows committee members to remain in their positions should an unexpected presidential vacancy occur, providing continuity for an interim president
  14. Reword Article IX : “Each proposed constitutional amendment must be signed by two members and submitted in writing to the Secretary. The secretary shall forward the proposed amendment to the chairman of the Constitution Committee for review, and to both The Profile editor and website administrator for inclusion in The Profile and on the website. The secretary shall also provide copies of the proposed amendment and read the proposal to the members at the next regular meeting. At the next regular meeting after the proposed amendment has been read, the Constitution Committee shall make its report to the membership and the vote shall be taken. A two-thirds majority of members present and voting is required for adoption.” The requested changes to this article 1) reduces the cost to the Society by allowing notification by other than U.S. mail and simplifies the written notification requirement. 2) Clarifies the two-thirds vote requirement. This makes the article a little easier to understand and the amendment process easier to manage. The only true change is doing away with the requirement to notify all members in writing. All members will still have ample opportunity to understand the proposal and make an informed decision.
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Please submit articles for publication to Linda Swift, [linda.swift@centerpointenergy.com](mailto:linda.swift@centerpointenergy.com) until a new Editor takes over the newsletter.

**Submit articles no later than September 27, 2005, for the October edition.**

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